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### MISSING JUVENILE MALE 1500 BLOCK NORTH CRAYCROFT ROAD **\*\*\*UPDATE – DECEMBER 9, 2013\*\*\***

We are happy to report that Dereck Ashe, 9-years old, has been located. He spent the evening with a close friend of the family, who was not aware that police had been called or were looking for him. Our thanks go out to all who assisted with looking for him.

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Sergeant Maria Hawke – December 9, 2013

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The Tucson Police Department seeks public assistance with locating a 9-year old boy, who left his residence after a fight with his dad on the afternoon of December 8, 2013. The boy, Dereck Ashe, and his father live in the 1500 block of North Craycroft Road. At approximately 2:00 p.m. on December 8, 2013, Dereck and his father got into an argument. Sometime between 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on December 8, 2013, Dereck left their residence. His father initially tried to find Dereck on his own, but ultimately called 911 for police assistance at approximately 7:44 p.m. Dereck is familiar with using public transportation and does so regularly. In addition, he is frequently allowed to travel by himself to various locations, such as school, grocery stores, friends' houses, etc. Various police resources were utilized in an attempt to locate Dereck throughout the overnight hours. However, the efforts to locate him were unsuccessful. It was believed that Dereck would attend school on the morning of December 9, 2013. However, a check of the school was conducted, and it was learned that he had not arrived at the school campus on the morning of December 9, 2013.

Dereck has been described as an African American, 9-year old boy, approximately 3'05" to 4' tall, weighing approximately 70 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a black and green jacket, blue jean pants, and black Nike tennis shoes. A photograph of Dereck is included below. Anyone having information about his whereabouts is urged to call 911 immediately so that he can be safely returned home.

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